Setting up of a cell for disposal of old pending cases

1076. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government contemplate to set up a cell in each High Court to hasten the disposal to old pending cases as suggested by the Supreme Court recently while deciding a 23 year old eviction case; and

(b) if so, the time by which such cells are going to be set up and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No, Sir.

The Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 1071 of 2001, has suggested, "It is worth considering whether a cell can be set up in each of such High Courts where the piles of backlog are a stirring problem, to pick out such cases to be brought to the notice of the Chief Justices of High Court concerned so that he could take appropriate steps in the matter.

Thus, it is for the High Courts to take necessary action.

(b) Does not arise.

RPG Enterprises

1077. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item Captioned RPG Enterprises—a class in case of squandering investors money which appeared in the Observer dated 30-08-2000;

(b) whether it is a fact the RPG LIFE SCIENCES has squandered investors money;

(c) if so, the details thereof and money involved; and

(d) what action has been taken by the Government against the company?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) No information is available regarding squandering of investors money by M/s RPG LIFE SCIENCES. However, it is seen from the Balance Sheet of M/s RPG Life Sciences as at 31-03-2000 that the following investments have been made by the company in M/s Instant Trading and Investment Company Ltd.

		Rs. in Lacs
1.	Investment in Equity	1007.63
2.	Zero Coupon Fully Convertible Debenture	506.45
3.	Interest Free Loan	3787.59

M/s Instant Trading & Investment Co. Ltd. has invested the following amounts in M/s Ceat Financial Services Ltd. as on 31-03-2000.

		Rs. in Lacs
1.	Investment in Equity	51.49
2.	Zero coupon Non-Convertible Debenture	3133.58
3.	Advance against share application	2641.00
4.	Application towards Debentures	1280.00

(d) Inspection U / S 209A of the Companies Act 1956 has been ordered in respect of all the three companies.

Sale of vacant land for creation of funds

1078. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme for selling some of its vacant land to utilize the sale proceeds for creating funds for its port employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the land lying vacant with the major port trusts;

(d) the funds required for creation of pension fund; and

(e) the methods to be adopted for selling of this land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The details of land lying vacant with the Major Port Trusts are as under:—

Port	Land lying vacant (In acres)
1	2
Cochin	57
Calcutta Dock System	54
Haldia Dock System	2328